

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

100 YEARS AGO,
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THE WEEK IN WALTON

**What We Are Talking About
at the County Hub**

SUGAR SITUATION EASING UP

**About Auto Licenses—
Put Out Saw Mill Fire—
Fell and Broke Leg—
New Dentist Locates Here.**

Considerable sugar has been received by Walton merchants the past week. The retail prices have varied from 14 to 20 cents a pound.

James Howland has sold the Telford house, St. John street, to Fred Warren of Pepacton. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

William Darrin, rural mail carrier, met with a painful accident Wednesday morning when he slipped and fell in his barn and a punch he was carrying in his pocket was driven into his neck.

John G. Close, for thirty-four years a conductor on the northern division of the Ontario & Western, died Friday, Jan. 2, at his home in Norwich, aged 59 years. Conductor Close was on the Utica flyer a short time last fall.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, comes this year on February 19. Easter Sunday is on April 4. Washington's birthday, Memorial day and the Fourth of July come on Sunday this year and will be celebrated on Monday.

The federal trade commission has held that selling sugar in combination with other goods to force purchasers to buy other things in order to buy sugar was an unfair method of competition and has ordered a Chicago company to cease the practice.

Vincent Elderkin of Rock Rift had his right leg fractured Tuesday. He was carrying a sack of flour from the Risley store to his sleigh when he slipped and fell. His leg was doubled beneath him and both bones were broken above the ankle. Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture.

S. R. Rosoff was in Walton this week superintending the removal of some of the machinery used in the construction of the Walton state road three years ago, to Whitney's Point, Broome county, where he has the contract for the construction of a concrete highway to Castle Creek.

On New Year's day the Kayser basket ball team from Sidney came to Walton and played in the armory against the Kayser team from the Cobleskill mill. The Cobleskill boys proved too much for the Sidney aggregation and won the game by a score of 35 to 9. Each team had previously won a game.

Dr. Leroy D. Neish will open dental offices in Walton about February 1st, probably in the rooms over Seacord's candy store, Delaware street. Dr. Neish, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Neish of Walton, graduated in June, 1919, from the college of dentistry in the university of Maryland at Baltimore and received his state board license in October.

Mack Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Terry of Binghamton, formerly of Walton, has been appointed clerk of the city court in Binghamton for a term of four years at a salary of \$1,320 per annum. Mr. Terry, who is 22 years of age, graduated

from the Syracuse college of law in June, 1919, and has since been with the firm of Welsh & Couper in Binghamton. The appointment came unsolicited and is a signal honor. His new work will not interfere seriously with his practice of law.

The roof of J. J. Farrell's saw mill on the North farm, river road, was discovered to be on fire Tuesday evening shortly after 8 o'clock. A still alarm was sent to Walton and was responded to by members of Morrow hose company, who were holding their monthly meeting at the time. The fire was extinguished by the use of chemicals and the damage to the mill is small. Wednesday there was a small fire in the house of Thomas Patterson at Rock Rift. An overheated stovepipe set fire to a bed in an upstairs room occupied by Wilber Cook. The bed and bedding were burned, the carpet destroyed and a hole burned in the floor.

Within the next few days, over a half million letters will be mailed out of Secretary of State Hugo's office to as many automobilists and chauffeurs in this state, calling attention to the fact that the state's new automobile year begins Feb. 1, and new plates and badges are necessary. This year finds a new method of computing one's automobile registration fee, applying, however, solely to pleasure cars. The horse power of a car, its original list price, as well as its age, must all be reckoned with in arriving at the fee necessary for registration. On 4-cylinder cars, no matter how aged they may be, the minimum fee is \$5 and on 6-cylinder cars, \$10. This year's automobile plate has a light pea-green background with black letters and numerals, and is very attractive. Secretary Hugo has made every arrangement to speed up the delivery of plates to automobilists throughout the state, but it is up to the motorist himself to compute the correct registration fee and mail the same without delay. In order to aid the automobilist as far as possible, Mr. Hugo has prepared a table and by using the same, it is comparatively easy to figure out the fee on one's car. Every renewal carries one of these tables.

BOILER HOUSE BURNS AT CADOSIA FACTORY

**Keery Company Suffers
\$4,000 Loss by Fire Sunday.**

SECOND FIRE IN THE BUILDING

**Flames Had Gained Great
Headway When Discovered
and Could Not be Checked—
Will Rebuild.**

(From Hancock cor.)

The boiler house of the Cadusia Chemical company's acid factory at Cadusia was destroyed by fire Sunday night. This is the second time in the past few years that the same building has been burned.

The fire broke out about 12:30 o'clock Monday morning. In a few minutes it was seen that the local help were unable to check the flames and a call was sent to Hancock. Some of the Hancock firemen were soon on their way to the scene of the fire but by the time they arrived the entire structure was a mass of flames and in short time the building lay in a mass of smouldering ruins.

The loss is placed at \$4,000 and is covered by insurance, it is understood.

The destruction of the boiler house has tied up the business temporarily and arrangements are being made to rebuild the structure at once.

The fire was started by a blow torch used in thawing out frozen water pipes.

PAID HALF MILLION FOR MILK

**Delaware & Greene
Creamery an Instance of
Successful Co-operation.**

(From Arkville cor.)

The third annual meeting of the stockholders of the Delaware and Greene Creamery Company, Inc., of Arkville was held in the opera house at Margaretville Jan. 5. The meeting was largely attended by farmers who are sending milk to the creamery and who reside in the counties of Delaware, Greene and Ulster. This plant represents the initial co-operative effort on the part of the farmers of these counties who have banded together with the firm purpose of obtaining a fair price for their products. The success which they have met has been brought to bear on the minds of these farmers by the fact that today they are receiving full league prices for their milk, whereas, before it came into existence they were lucky to receive from 50 to 75 cents under the league price, and in some cases even less than that.

The territory covered by this concern is exceptionally large; they operate a fleet of six trucks and four teams. The fluid milk is received from Halcott Center, Fleischmanns, Redkill, Dry Brook, Arena, Union Grove, Millbrook, Dingle Hill, Denver, Vega, Roxbury and Margaretville.

During the past year 15,085,207 lbs. of whole milk were received and 662,340 lbs. of skim milk, 114,813 cases of sweetened condensed milk were manufactured besides many thousand pounds of butter and a large quantity of sweet cream.

The milk checks paid to the farmers in this locality totaled \$564,713.16 which in itself is a very tidy sum.

The reports of the president, secretary and treasurer were received and approved. The old directors were: President, A. J. Morse; vice president, J. H. Caswell; secretary, W. K. Crosby; treasurer, W. R. Sanford; Henry Blythe, Harry Sanford, Dewitt Hammond, Arthur Blish, C. E. Swart. The terms of Harry Sanford, Henry Blythe, W. K. Crosby and W. R. Sanford expired this year. C. E. Swart resigned to take effect Jan. 3. The following new directors were elected for a term of three years: Joseph Garrison, Halcott Center; D. L. Todd, Margaretville; Tracy Haddow, Arena; Henry Blythe and Harry Sanford were re-elected.

At the conclusion of the stockholders meeting the directors convened and elected the following officers for the coming year: John H. Caswell, president; Harry Sanford, vice president; D. L. Todd, secretary and treasurer.

DELHI-WALTON ROAD WILL BE COMPLETED

**Railroad Making Final
Survey for Unfinished Section**

ELIMINATE FOUR CROSSINGS

**Highway Will Leave Present
Road at Frasers Crossing
and Follow North Side of
Railroad.**

Engineers in the employ of the Ontario & Western railroad are engaged in making a survey of the section of state highway between the railroad crossing at Frasers and the Clark crossing just below the village of Delhi. This section was left out of the contract for the road between Delancey and Delhi on account of the proposed elimination of four crossings.

At a recent hearing before the public service commission an agreement was reached between the railroad and the state

highway department that the construction of this section of highway, about three miles in length, will proceed under the original order of the public service commission, thus completing the state road between Walton and Delhi.

The elimination program calls for the elimination of four crossings by the construction of a piece of new highway. The original order, it is expected, will be amended to provide for a concrete instead of a bituminous macadam pavement, and under the original agreement the railroad will pay one-half of the total cost of the crossing changes, including purchase of land required, and one-half of the original estimated cost of the pavement, \$12,000. The total paid by the railroad will be about \$50,000 it is stated. It is understood that the railroad has received the necessary rights of way.

Under the plans for the construction of the road it will leave the present highway just west of the Fraser crossing and follow the north side of the railroad to the Clark crossing just below Delhi, where it will rejoin the present highway.

It will be necessary for the county of Delaware to make an appropriation for its share of the cost of construction. The amount required, it is stated, will be around \$42,000.

The board of supervisors will probably meet soon to act on an appropriation for this and the section of the Hobart-Bloomville highway which the commission was listed for construction this year.

In a recent communication Commissioner Greene stated that in case the cost of construction of the two federal aid highways in Delaware county, which the department plans to build this year, should exceed \$40,000 a mile the county will be asked to make an appropriation for the excess sum. It is believed, however, that the cost will come within the \$40,000 figure. The two roads are the Andes-Margaretville and the Rock Rift-Deposit highway which Commissioner Greene has promised will be built this year.

SIDNEY VOTES DOWN NEW HIGH SCHOOL

**All Three Propositions
Rejected by Big
Majorities Monday**

STATE MAY TAKE SOME ACTION

**Telegram From Department
May Indicate Interference by
Educational Department.**

The three propositions for the improvement of the schools of Sidney, submitted to the taxpayers and other qualified electors at a special school meeting Monday, were defeated by decisive

majorities varying from 195 to 315. Over 530 votes were cast. The vote on the three propositions was as follows:

Shall the board of education of union free school district No. 1, town of Sidney and Unadilla, be authorized to erect and equip a new high school building on the site of the present grammar or grade building on the north side of Liberty street in the village of Sidney, at a cost not to exceed \$115,000? Yes, 116. No, 408. Majority against, 292.

Shall the board of education be authorized to alter, repair and improve the present high school building by thoroughly renovating the same, by installing a new system of toilets and a new system of heating and ventilation and by re-decorating the same throughout so as to properly fit it for grade purposes at an expense not to exceed \$10,000? Yes, 155. No, 350. Majority against, 195.

Shall the board of education be authorized to purchase for the benefit of the school district the house and lot owned by Mrs. Henry Albrecht, situated on the west side of Pleasant street, for a sum not exceeding \$5,000. Yes, 101. No, 416. Majority against, 315.

Tuesday Prof. H. Claude Hardy, principal of the Sidney schools, received a telegram from Frank H. Wood, chief of the department of buildings of the state educational department, asking for details of the special meeting and further stating that immediate action by the department would be taken in the matter. This may mean that the state may take the matter into its own hands and force Sidney to build a school building or make immediate improvements to take care of the pupils of the schools.

BIG PRICES FOR BOARDING HOUSES

**Breezy Hill Brings \$55,000
and Hotel Hillcrest \$57,000.**

(From Fleischmanns cor.)

An important realty deal was made last week when the Breezy hill hotel was sold by Milbert and Greenbaum to New York parties. This hotel is situated on a high elevation overlooking the Fleischmanns valley and has a capacity of over one hundred rooms. The reported sale price is \$55,000.

A. H. Toda has sold his cottage on Main street to New York city parties for \$14,000.

Clarence Wilson has sold his residence on Wagner avenue to Frank Hornbeck for \$4,000. Mr. Wilson will move into the rooms above his store on Main street.

The popular Hotel Hillcrest has been sold to city men. S. Dinsen, who conducted the Hotel Switzerland last summer, is the purchaser. The price reported is \$57,000. This hotel is modern in every way and has about 100 rooms.

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SILO COMPANY CHANGES HANDS

Unadilla Firm Acquires Control of Globe Company of Sidney.

The Globe silo plant located in Sidney is now under new management. On Dec. 29, R. W. Siver, E. O. Allen, and Dr. P. S. Young of Sidney, F. C. Yale of Guilford, F. E. Hunt of Unadilla, John Cairns of Norwich and Homer D. Owens of Bainbridge sold their entire holdings of stock and J. M. Moore, also of Sidney, disposed of part of his holdings. These gentlemen held the greater portion of the stock of the concern and this was purchased by interests connected with the Unadilla silo company. Mr. Moore will remain with the Globe company, probably in his present capacity as manager. It is stated that the Globe company will not be merged with the Unadilla silo company but will be conducted under the present name. During the past year the company has put out 430 silos, doing about \$150,000 worth of business.

VOTE ON WIDENING STREET

Hancock Taxpayers to Act, Jan. 27 on \$1,500 Proposition.

(From Hancock cor.)

At the regular meeting of the Hancock village board the petition liberally signed by the taxpayers of Hancock village, asking the board to purchase a strip of land 16 1-2 feet wide and about 225 feet long, running along Read street for the purpose of making said street a three-rod road as far as Cotter's corner, was received and considered. A price for such strip of land was agreed upon between the board and Fannie M. Read, Howard Read acting as her attorney, for \$1,500. A special election was called by President Lipp for Jan. 27 from 1 to 5 p.m., to act on the matter. 1. The board has also fixed a signal in case of fire outside of corporation or village limits. Residents wanting assistance in case of fire call up telephone central and they will notify the oil station who will blow three distinct whistles from the fire whistle. The bells are not to be sounded in this case.

ONE PINT IN TEN DAYS

O'Connor Tells Amount of Liquor Issued on Prescription.

In an interview with the Oneonta Star, Hon. Charles R. O'Connor, who is in charge of enforcing the Federal prohibition law in this state, gave some interesting information regarding the use of intoxicants for medicinal purposes. He said, "The act provides for permits for dealers and physicians. The sale will be regulated, however, much as in the traffic in narcotics." The permits are issued by Mr. O'Connor and a record of every prescription and of every sale must be kept. Not more than one pint can be supplied any patient in a ten day period, and each prescription when filed is so stamped and must be filed and kept for inspection by an officer at any and all times. The act recognizes the use of whiskey as a medicine and it will be possible for hospitals to have a limited supply for emergencies under the act.

GOVERNOR SMITH'S MESSAGE

Recommendations Made by State Executive in Message to Legislature.

Governor Alfred E. Smith in his annual message to the legislature urges:

Legislation permitting public ownership of all public utilities.

Formation of a strong program of Americanization to combat the dangers of Bolshevism.

Construction of grain elevators along the state barge canal.

Minimum wage and hours of labor standards for women and minors.

Compulsory health insurance.

Withdrawal of New York's ratification of the federal prohibition amendment and submission of the question at a referendum next November.

Enlargement of the state institutional facilities for the care of mental defectives.

Development of the state's water power resources.

Completion of the highway program of the state, \$10,000,000 being required this year.

Legislation giving cities greater latitude in the matter of home rule.

NESTLE CO. FOR GOOD ROADS

Contributes \$500 Check to Improvement of West Brook.

The Nestle Food company has donated to the Walton chamber of commerce the sum of \$500 for use in constructing a macadam road up West Brook.

This generous gift will assist materially in making the improvement which is planned for this year. Farmers along the route have also promised to donate liberally to the construction cost.

2.75 Per Cent Beer Illegal.

The United States Supreme Court by a vote of five to four in a decision handed down Monday declared constitutional sections of the Volstead prohibition act prohibiting the manufactures and sale of "beer, wine or other intoxicating malt or vinous liquors" containing one-half of one per cent of alcohol. Beer containing 2.75 alcohol is illegal the court decides. The decision affects the constitutionality of the wartime prohibition act only.

Explain Income Tax.

W. Leo O'Hara of the state comptroller's office will explain the workings of the new state income tax law at a meeting in Walton Hall on Friday evening, Jan. 16, at 8 o'clock. All members of the chamber of commerce and others interested are urged to attend. Every single person with an income of \$1,000 or more and each married person with a \$2,000 income is affected by the law.

Arkville's Big Rabbitry.

Albert P. Redmond of Arkville is going into the rabbit business on a large scale. He recently completed a large building for use as a rabbitry. Mr. Redmond raises the Flemish Giants and during the past season has sold over one thousand of the animals.

Committed to Training School.

Leona Harris, aged 13, has been committed to the state training school for girls at Hudson. The girl is a daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, who recently moved from Walton to Sidney. She was committed by Justice Lane on the charge of larceny, having been detected in shoplifting in a Sidney store.

TURNED OVER THREE TIMES

City Party Have Auto Accident Near Davenport Center.

The Hupmobile touring car of John W. Drout of New York City, a guest at the New Hobart at Hobart, went over an embankment on the Stamford-Oneonta state road about two miles east of Davenport Center about 8:30 o'clock New Year's night.

Near the residence of E. J. White the car swerved from the center of the road and after running two or three hundred feet along the edge of the highway the machine went over the bank, turning over twice and going through a barbed wire fence. Drout and the two men with him were not seriously injured. The top, windshield and one wheel of the Hupmobile were smashed.

Kellogg Hears Delaware Cases.

Several Delaware county matters came before Justice Kellogg in Oneonta Monday. Evidence was taken in the divorce suit of Maud Callahan against Edward J. Callahan and that of Ferris

Layman against Lena Layman.

The court granted consent on the request of the East Branch Baptist church of Roxbury to sell two parcels of real estate. A. J. McNaught of Stamford appeared for the petitioner.

In the case of Crosby Kelly vs. Florence Wannop, Elmer Vandeburg and 135 other defendants, on motion for a final judgment and submission of referee's report of sale, a final judgment of conveyance was directed. Joel L. Keator and Charles R. O'Connor of counsel for plaintiff, and Hamilton J. Hewitt, George A. Speenburgh Andrew C. Fenton, Amos Van Etten and James A. Betts of Kingston, each for certain defendants.

GALLI-CURCI GIVEN DIVORCE

Noted Prima Donna Secured Testimony at Fleischmanns.

Mme. Amelita Galli-Curci, the noted prima donna, has been granted an absolute decree of divorce in Chicago from her husband, Luigi Curci, Signor Curci has withdrawn his answer to his wife's suit and announced that he would not make further contest. Most of the testimony upon which Madame Galli-Curci's suit was brought was given by residents of Fleischmanns, Delaware county, where the opera singer and her husband had a summer home.

DEATH FROM SCARLET FEVER

Mrs. Byron Dean Passes Away After Short Illness.

Mrs. Byron Dean died early Thursday morning, Jan. 8, at her home on Dryden, town of Tompkins, after an illness of four days with scarlet fever. Mrs. Dean was 31 years of age.

Mrs. Dean is survived by her husband and two sons, and by two brothers, Samuel W. Goodrich of Walton and E. F. Goodrich of Dryden, and one sister, Mrs. Edwin Goodrich of Beerston. Both the children are ill with the disease.

DIDN'T PAY FOR THE CAR

Sidney Man Among Those Looking for Gilbert DePuy.

A young man who gave his name as Gilbert E. DePuy came to Oneonta last summer and engaged in selling oil stocks. Some time ago he left the city and his creditors are seeking his whereabouts. He owed for two automobiles, a typewriter and office rent.

His last deal in this section was reported to be at Sidney, in the purchase of a Big Six Buick roadster, engine No. 163,072, from J. H. Bedell on Nov. 13, for which he agreed to pay the sum of \$1,050, and as usual gave a note for the amount, payable \$100 cash, and \$100 on the 30th day of each month thereafter. Here again, in his customary way, he dropped out of sight and so did the car.

Death of Lieutenant Dudley.

Lieutenant William M. Dudley of Roxbury, an army aviator, died in Yonkers Monday, Dec. 29, from pneumonia. The body was brought to Roxbury where the funeral was held Friday at the home of the lieutenant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Dudley, conducted by Rev. R. T. Hodgson. Lieut. Dudley was 22 years of age. Besides his parents he is survived by his wife and an infant daughter

Lieut. Dudley was a student in the Syracuse college of forestry when war broke out. He immediately entered the service and entered the officers' training camp at Madison barracks where he was commissioned a second lieutenant. In his chosen field of aviation he had made a brilliant

success and though he had participated in many flights he had the distinction of never having smashed a plane or put one of his passengers in danger. He had been commissioned in the regular army and was to leave soon for Panama.

Farmers and Improved Roads.

The New York World objects to a bond issue for state highways because the city will have to pay 70 per cent of the debt. This ought to illumine the mind of S. J. Lowell, Master of the State Grange, who has it in his head that the farmers are against a bond issue. The farmer will figure that if the city pays 70 per cent, he can afford 30. The upstate taxpayer is standing his share of the barge canal, an enterprise from which he has received no benefit, New York and Buffalo being about the sole beneficiaries. "Further the Catskills and Adirondacks, Long Island and other stamping grounds of the rich have been covered with state roads through the pull of city interests. This favoritism is strikingly apparent in the Adirondacks where mile after mile of macadam roads run through a wilderness, with not a habitation in sight.

At present a large proportion of the highways in the order of construction are those in settled and productive parts of the state; they would benefit the farmers. The chief beneficiary of a cessation in road construction would be New York City. It is not possible that after providing the city man with improved roads the farmers of the state will be content with dirt roads for themselves.

WALTON WINS AND LOSES

Company I Defeats Hancock and High School Loses to Sidney.

Company I basketball team defeated the fast Hancock high school team on the armory court last Friday evening by the score of 26 to 19. The game was full of exciting moments, and was enjoyed by the rooters present. Every man deserves praise. Company I lineup was as follows: S. Flynn, rf.; Courtney, lf.; Reville, c.; Hoyer, lg., McCook, rg. H. R. Smith refereed the game.

The Sidney high school basketball team journeyed to Walton last Saturday and defeated the local high school boys by a score of 26 to 24. The game was extremely fast and the visitors were fortunate to get away as winners. The local boys could have won the game if they had not been so over anxious in shooting fouls. The high school five are not in the least discouraged and are confident that the remaining games of the season will be local victories. The two Flynn brothers and Bartlett displayed rare form, H. Flynn being especially clever in his floor work.

The line up:
Sidney H. S. Points
Hilborn, f. 14
Flower, f. 4
Simpson, c. 6
McCumber, g. 0
Gasco, g. 2
Walton H. S. Points
R. Flynn, f. 9
H. Flynn, f. 11
D. Clark, c. 2
Terry, g. 0
Bartlett, g. 2

The American Legion basketball team plays the Athletic Club of Unadilla on the armory court tomorrow night (Saturday). The fast Hancock Legion team plays the local legion team on the armory court, Wednesday evening, Jan. 14. This will be a game no fan can afford to miss. Dancing will follow the games.



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